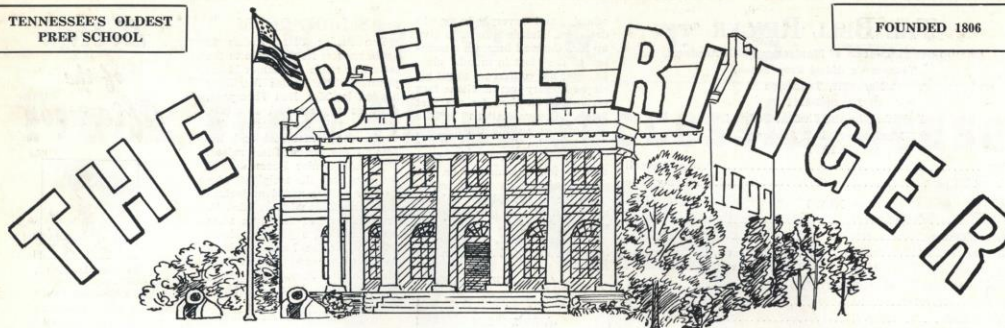


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# DECLAMATION CONTESTS HELD

## THE RIGHT ROAD

The young boy looked thoughtfully at the fork in the road ahead. Clouds kept the day rather dark and cool. He knew inside that he had come to the place to decide. This would be a decision to affect all of his later life. Both of these roads would eventually come to an end, but it was up to him alone. Which way should he go? One of the two was straight and well paved. He could see the green grass growing abundantly on either side. The other road was crooked with stones and holes in it. This road wound around curves and over hills; some so steep they looked as if they would be impossible to cross. On the sides of this road was mud and marshland. The first road looked so very inviting, but then he knew it was not the way he knew he should turn because he knew that this was the road to Hell. It was getting later and he knew there was no time to lose. The first road would be easy and he thought to himself that maybe somewhere along the way he could cross over and get back on the originally chosen route. It would be good to lie in the green grass when he grew tired and was ready to go to sleep for the night. But he knew once he had made the choice and started on his way, it would be hard to change without turning around and going back all the distance he would have previously covered. As he stood there numerous persons passed. Some of them went the hard way, but still others had chosen the easier one. He would not be alone either way, nevertheless his plan remained undecided. He took a few slow steps uncertainly toward the easier path but stopped short. He shut his tired eyes in deep thought and waited. Momentarily he visualized the brief distance he had come in comparison to the long one that lay before him. As he opened his eyes he saw that he was alone. All the trunks had left on the road of their choice. Without another thought he looked at both roads and then turned to the rougher one and hurried he climbed the first hill. As he ran he saw the others who had chosen the same road trudging ahead. Now he was sure he had done the right thing. Catching up with the weary pack, he walked along with them. Now he noticed that the clouds had rolled away. There was blue sky above him, and suddenly they all heard a loud voice seemingly coming from nowhere that said, "You have chosen the right road. Honor is best."



The winners are, from left to right, front row, Frankie Crowell, George Sloan; second row, Ed Blank, Tommy Sloan, Ransom White.

## T. I. L. L. CONTEST AT CLARKSVILLE

### Panel Presents Program

The Forensic Club, sponsored so capably by Mrs. Norton Campbell, presented a panel on Family Relations on two occasions within the past month. The first appearance of the panel was before the Ladies Auxiliary and the program was so well received that Mrs. Ben Thompson, their president, asked that the program be enlarged and repeated for a joint meeting of the fathers and mothers. This program took place on Monday, March 21st at 7:30 P.M. in the school auditorium.

Among the questions discussed by the panel were: What is the amount of time a boy should be required to study? Questions concerning social life, and what time should one be in on dates, and should one be able to make his own decisions.

The boys serving on the panel were: Brad Reed, Jim Perry, Jack Welch, Andy Coles, Jim Overall, Frank Drowota, Eddie Holt, Hayes Cooney, and Edward Blank who served as moderator.

The Forensic Club was glad to have the opportunity of presenting these programs before the parents of M.B.A. boys.

FRANK DROWOTA.

### Harry Lawson Places First

On March 26th the Tennessee Interscholastic Literary League met at Austin Peay in Clarksville, in the regional meet. Mrs. Norton Campbell took four of our M.B.A. boys, Eddie Holt represented in declamation, Rollin Lasseter in extemporaneous speaking, Harry Lawson in humorous reading, and Sam Vail in poetry interpretation.

Twenty-two schools were represented. The preliminary was held in the morning and the winners in the preliminary spoke in the finals that afternoon. All of our boys got in the finals. Harry Lawson won first place in the finals and Eddie Holt placed

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### Bill Wade Speaks In Assembly

Bill Wade, professional football Quarterback for the Los Angeles Rams, returned to M.B.A. to give a fine talk on what M.B.A. has meant to him. He joked with several teachers and complimented them on the fine work they were doing.

He also related a few interesting facts about the Rams and pro-football that we all appreciated. Bill has made a wonderful success of himself and is truly a fine man in every respect. In the off-season he is Alumni Advisor for Vanderbilt University.

JOHN DOBSON.

### Dr. Savoy Speaks

Recently we were privileged to hear from the Rev. James E. Savoy, rector of the Church of the Advent, Episcopal. Dr. Savoy is a graduate of St. Luke's Seminary and has held parishes in Tennessee and Texas.

His last parish was St. Cyprian's in Lufkin, Texas, where he was recognized by the Chamber of Commerce for his remarkable youth work. Being interested in youth and its position in the world today, Dr. Savoy spoke to us on this subject.

After a few amusing stories Dr. Savoy hit the core of his address. He said we are constantly casting shadows of influence on all those about us. Cheeriness, helpfulness, and sincerity make a good shadow which effects the people with whom we come in contact. Falseness, silliness, and

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### East Girls' Program

In response to our invitation, several East High girls conducted an assembly program for our student body. The first act was a trio of attractive girls accompanied by a pianist. After a humorous reading by another girl, the trio returned for several final selections. The M.B.A. student body warmly received them and a cordial invitation is extended them for a return visit.

W. A. COLEMAN.

### Junior - Senior

Recently the Junior-Senior Declamation contest was held at M.B.A. Representing the senior class were Edward Blank, Jim Overall, and Eddie Holt. The Junior class was represented by Sam Vail, Ivan Brown, Harry Lawson, Frankie Drowota, Dick Sobel, Jim Perry, Philip Boyd, and Hillard Wood. All the orations were very good and the judges picked Eddie Holt, who spoke on "To Whom Much Is Given", the winner, who consequently won the honor of delivering his speech at the Commencement exercises. Second place went to Edward Blank who spoke on "Youth Faces the Future".

This contest is an annual and long awaited event on the hill.

### Freshman - Sophomore

The Freshman-Sophomore declamation contest was one of the longest and best in the history of the school. Representing the freshman class were: Tony Edmonds and Edgar Uden. Twelve sophomores participated. These were as follows: Walter Bearden, Russell Hooper, John Brothers, Rollin Lasseter, Jodie Wallace, Caleb Wallwork, Brad Reed, Wade Elam, Emmett Dozier, George Sloan, and Pete Tart.

Although the general topic of most of the declamation was "Democracy", there were some on "Character", and "Religion".

The talks were presented in an almost professional manner. It was commented by an out-of-town visitor that the delivery was as good as, if not better than, that of most college-trained speakers.

The three judges found George Sloan to be the best of the fourteen and it is agreed by all that he was number one. His delivery was smooth, convincing and entertaining. George will consequently receive the Public Speaking medal and will speak again at Commencement.

Ransom White was given second place. He was excellent.

Brad Reed took third place and his pleasing gestures, manner and general delivery are to be commended.

M.B.A. has always produced good speakers and the class of '57 will not be lacking them.

### Grade School

On the morning of April the 13th the Junior School held their annual declamation contest. In all, six boys competed in the contest and every one of them showed great skill in his delivery and the promise of becoming a top-notch speaker. Decisions are very hard to make in speech contests with so many able participants, but Frankie Crowell was given first place by the

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## — S P O R T S —

## Track Team Plans Successful Season

## Maroon Highlights

Spring is here and spring sports are in full bloom on the athletic fields of M.B.A.

M.B.A.'s track team and tennis team are favored to cop their respective titles. M.B.A.'s golf team and baseball team are considered a mere chance.

The tennis team this year will be out for its 11th straight N.I.L. trophy. This is quite a remarkable record.

The baseball team has a new coach Jerry Fridrich, who by the way played basketball for the Vanderbilt Commodores last winter.

Golf matches will be played at McCabe Golf Course which will be a great help for N.I.L. title.

The track team opens up M.B.A. spring sport schedule with a meet against T.P.S., Antioch and this meet will be held at Roosevelt field.

Butch McDaniel decides to take track over golf. Butch, who is the 880 on the track team, placed 10th in the N.I.L. last year in golf.

Track, tennis and golf are planning out of town trips this year. The track team will either go to Chattanooga or Birmingham, while tennis and golf are going to Chattanooga.

M.B.A.'s baseball team has found Antioch plenty tough. In practice games the Big Red lost 5-6, 2-11.

M.B.A.'s golf match with C.M.A. was called off. The reason—12 degree temperature.

M.B.A.'s baseball team defeated highly regarded West 4-1 in a scrimmage game.

Mr. Jim Rule deserves a lot of credit—he is not only an excellent math teacher, but a terrific tennis coach and he is partly responsible for its fine record.

M.B.A. will try to average a 6-9 defeat by Du Pont when they play them at Belle Meade C. C., April 23.

JOHN BARKSDALE.

## Golf Team Considered Dark Horse

If luck holds out M.B.A. could be the N.I.L. golf champions of 1955. The maroon linksmen who had a 7-2-1 record in 1954 have two lettermen returning. Bobby Calton was lost by graduation and Butch McDaniel gave up golf for track this year. Barksdale and Foxall who are the 1 and 2 men of the team will spearhead the attack while two newcomers, D. V. Johnson and George McGugin, will carry the all-important hopes of a team

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The M.B.A. netters, from left, front row, are Jim Overall, Sam Hunt, Jimmy Rule; second row, Dick Sobel, Jimmy Kellam, Runcie Clements, Russell Brothers; third row, Jack Allen, Manager, Ted Duncan, Hayes Cooney, Brad Reed, Tommy Frist, Wylie McDougall, Glen Brooks, and Coach Jim Rule.

## TENNIS TEAM AFTER ELEVENTH STRAIGHT N.I.L. CHAMPIONSHIP

## Big Red's First Track Meet

Wednesday, March 30, T.P.S. the Big Red tracksters ran away with the score to win over T.P.S. and Antioch, 80, 44, 0, respectively. The Maroons showed great improvement over last year.

In the 100 yard dash Jack Herbert finished first in 10.7 seconds after a bad start. Bill Fennell came in right after Herbert to capture 2nd place. Billy Hunter was ahead of Herbert in the 220 but Herbert passed him in the last few yards of the race for a time of 24.5 seconds. In the 440 Jim Thurman finished first in 36.5 seconds. In the distance runs Butch McDaniel ran the 880 in the school's record time of 2:14.8. Todd Burwell finished second after pulling out from the crowd at the last to be right behind McDaniels at the finish. The mile run was won by Lawson of T.P.S. but Ransom White who led the field most of the way, came in 3rd. Phillip Boyd came in 2nd after pulling out a little late from the pack. After the run he didn't seem too tired and now since he has the experience will probably start placing first.

Pete Thompson took first place in the low hurdles in the time of 22.4 seconds. Mack Rolfe who showed great improvement finished third. In the high hurdles Rolfe and Thompson came in second and third respectively. The M.B.A. 880 yard relay team, composed of Hunter, Minick, Chickey, and Herbert, ran off and left the opponents to take first in the time of 1:38.7 minutes. The M.B.A. field man gave an outstanding performance. Whitney Waugh came in second in the shot put but placed first in the discus with 119 feet. Coach Owen had planned not to enter anyone in the pole vault, but Hurt and Epps, who have not had my experience at pole vaulting, entered with Hurt getting second and Epps third. In the high jump Hurt took first place by clearing the bar at 5 feet 4 inches. Epps

## Won First Match 8 To 1

Mr. Rule, tennis coach, feels that the Big Red is on its way to its eleventh straight city championship. Although the schedule is not yet definite, M.B.A. will play all the school in Nashville and will make a trip to Chattanooga during the last week of April. There are eight returning lettermen, headed by Captain Hayes Cooney.

Returning lettermen are Hayes Cooney, Ted Duncan, Glen Brooks, Tommy Frist, Brad Reed, Wylie McDougall, Jim Overall, and Sam Hunt.

On April 4, the team got the season started with a bang by dropping St. Andrews 8 to 1 at M.B.A.

The results:

Hayes Cooney (M) beat Tony Dopp (SA), 6-2, 6-2.

Tom Frist (M) beat Tim Hann (SA), 6-0, 6-1.

Glen Brooks (M) beat Joe Herzog (SA), 6-2, 6-2.

Ted Duncan (M) beat Bert Rogers (SA), 6-1, 6-4.

Brad Reed (M) beat Tommy Ballard (SA), 6-0, 6-2.

Wylie McDougall (M) beat Tony Johns (SA), 6-0, 6-1.

Dopp-Hann (SA) beat Cooney-Frist (M), 5-7, 6-2, 7-5.

Duncan-Overall (M) beat Herzog-Rogers, 7-9, 6-4, 6-2.

Reed-McDougall (M) beat Ballard-Johns (SA), 6-0, 6-3.

placed third. In the broad jump Hurt and Marshall were both tied for first, but Shoemaker of T.P.S. took his last try and jumped 19 feet 8 1/4 inches for first place. Hurt came in second and Marshall came in third.

JOHN THWEATT

## Thinclads Beat East and Hillsboro

M.B.A.'s smooth running track team posted an all important win over East and Hillsboro. There were plenty of upsets in this meet. Jack Herbert, who was sick, lost the 100 yard dash to Huffines of East who ran it in the time of 10.9. Herbert however got his revenge in the 220 where he beat Huffines of East and Thompson of Hillsboro. A big surprise came in the 440 when Thurman out ran Hillsboro's Nausambamer. Both Thurman and Brown of M.B.A. had Nausambamer screened out perfectly. The big surprise of the day was the mile in which Hardy of Hillsboro was the favorite to win. As the gun sounded beginning the run Hardy took the lead, but in the final lap of the race Boyd of M.B.A. put on a sudden burst of speed and went to take 1st place in the mile. M.B.A.'s relay teams, especially the 880, had a lot of trouble. In the low hurdles Rolfe and Thompson gave M.B.A. 1st and 2nd place, and Thompson blazed to 2nd in the high hurdles. Bill Epps took 4th place in the pole vault for M.B.A. Both Epps and Hurt did well in the high jump, and Hurt did well in the broad jump which he won. The big man in the field events of the day was Whitney Waugh. Waugh let the discus fly nearly 130 feet while Pete Scales placed third in this event. Whitney also used his mighty arm to toss the shot put 40 feet which gave him the event. Frank Burkholder finished third in this event.

FINAL SCORE:

M.B.A.—69

East—53

Hillsboro—30

JOHN BARKSDALE.

M.B.A.'s well balanced track team is considered the team to beat this spring. The Maroon sprintmen have everybody except one starter returning from last year's squad. The Big Red stars of last year won the Banner Relays, the District Meet, and were runner ups in the regionals. Jack Herbert, Pete Thompson, and Whitney Waugh set new N.I.L. records last fall. Jack turned up the cinders on the 100 yard dash and the 220. Pete used his powerful legs to set a record for the low hurdles last year. Whitney broke the records with his discus. Other returnees include Jimmy Gardner, who was a low hurdler and a member of the well rounded relay team; Bill Fennell, member of the relay team who also ran the 100 yard dash. Norman Minick and Donnie Chickey used their swift feet to help the Big Red in the 100 yard dash and the relays also. Jim Thurman and Billy Hunter, now Juniors, were the 440, 880 men respectively. They also ran in the relays. Henry Hurt was the high hurdler and the high jump man until he received a bad leg injury. The cousins, Russel and Mack Brothers, both throw the heavy shot put for M.B.A. Other members of last year's squad that will help the team are Mack Rolfe, Al Strayhorn, Chuck Beatty, John McDougall, Phillip Boyd, Todd Burwell, Butch McDaniel and others who will help this year's track team.

## Golfers Beat Bellevue 6-0

M.B.A.'s well balanced golf team got off to a fine start by beating Bellevue 6-0 at McCabe golf course. D. V. Johnson led the attack with a two over par 37, while Barksdale and Foxall followed with 38's. Johnson found trouble on the first hole and he ended up with a double boggie 6, after that he came in even par for his fine round. Barksdale found all kinds of trouble—especially putting—he missed two 8 inch putts and three putted two greens. Bad luck hit Barksdale, McGugin, and Foxall in their opening rounds. Barksdale and Foxall had trouble at keeping the ball on the greens while McGugin found trouble around the greens. Barksdale could have had the low round of the day. He was even par going into the sixth hole and there he began to find his putting trouble, for he bogged 3 of the remaining 4 holes missing two putts not more than an arm's length. The greens at McCabe were partly responsible for the high scores as many other good golfers as Graham, Tart and Redman found plenty of trouble. The next match is April 11th against our arch rival Hillsboro. The week after that M.B.A. will play the N.I.L. favorite Du Pont and the winner of that match has a good chance of becoming the golf champions.

M.B.A. BELLEVUE

Barksdale 38 beat Byrne 58—8 up  
Johnson 37 beat Wilson 62—9 up  
Foxall 38 beat Summers 43—4 up  
McGugin 43 beat Sullivan 47—1 up



## Personalities of the Month



**Jim Gardner**

Jim, one of the friendliest and most popular boys at M.B.A., came here as a freshman from Woodmont School.

Jim joined the Hi-Y Club at the beginning of his Senior year and has been an active member ever since. He has been a member of the Key Club for three years. He has also been a member of the Honor Council for two years. Jim was elected a Monitor at the first of the year. He is a member of the track team and has been for two years. He runs the half-mile relay and the low hurdles.

Jim is Chaplain of the Delta Sigma Fraternity. He attends Westminster Presbyterian Church. Next fall, Jim plans to enter Vanderbilt University.

Among his likes and dislikes are:

Favorite Subject: Physics  
Disliked Subject: Spanish  
Favorite Dish: Steak  
Most Hated Dish: Okra  
Favorite Actress: Liz Taylor

LON FOSTER WEST.



**Bill Bradford**

The "Bell Ringer" has chosen Bill Bradford as one of the personalities of the month. Bill is a member of the Alpha Chi Fraternity where he serves as Historian. Bill became football manager his sophomore year and has been one since that year. He was elected into the membership of the Key Club and has been very active in it. Bill is a very likeable fellow and can always take being kidded.

Favorite Food: Country Ham

Hated Food: Carrots

Best Subject: Eng. Lit.

Hated Subject: Spanish

Favorite Actress: Debbie Reynolds

DICK SAGER.



**John Barksdale**

We, of the Bell Ringer, have chosen as a Personality of the Month, John Barksdale. John came to M.B.A. from Parmer School. John is a member of Westminster Presbyterian Church where he served as President of the Youth Group. John is in the number one position on the golf team and promises to help the golf team win its matches.

Upon entering high school, John pledged the Alpha Chi Fraternity. Since then John has taken an active part in the Fraternity. He is now serving as Chaplain and is planning to go into the ministry when he finishes college. John is a boy who is well liked by everyone on the campus. He will always greet you with a smile. I think the Bell Ringer has made a wise choice in choosing John Barksdale as a personality of the month.

Favorite Food: Shrimp

Hated Food: Asparagus

Best Subject: Bible

Hated Subject: Science

Favorite Actress: Grace Kelly

Favorite Actor: Van Heflin

DICK SAGER.

## Girl of the Month



**Linda Christie**

This month Linda Christie, a sophomore with striking blonde hair and flashing green eyes, has been chosen the "Bell Ringer's" Girl of the Month.

Linda, who is very popular at Harpeth Hall, is very active in all school activities. She serves, and serves well, in the Glee Club. Also, she is a member of the Penstaff Club, the French Club, the Latin Club, and the Ariston Club. She is also a member of the Ariston Tennis Team.

Outside her school activities Linda is also very active in Church work. She is a member of St. George's Episcopal Church and there she belongs to the Young People's Service League.

In 1952 Linda pledged the SAP Club and since then has been a great asset to that Club.

At the beginning of this year, Linda was elected to serve as a cheerleader for M.B.A. She was very faithful in supporting the team and filled her place on the squad well. Now, Linda is writing the high school social column for the "Nashville Banner".

We, of the "Bell Ringer" Staff consider it an honor and privilege to have Linda Christie as our Girl of the Month.

JACK WELCH.

## THE TRUE GENTLEMAN

Are you a gentleman? When you have answered this question to yourself, read farther in this column and then answer the question again.

In the late Duncan College Preparatory School library there was a Creed on the Wall—a Creed that every young boy that ever attended that school read and hoped and tried to live up to. Read this creed, which is the wording of the SAE True Gentleman Award and then ask yourself: "Am I really a gentleman?"

"The true gentleman is the man whose conduct proceeds from good will and an acute sense of propriety, and whose self control is equal to all emergencies; who does not make the poor man conscious of his poverty, the obscure man of his obscurity, or any man of his inferiority or deformity; who is himself humble if necessity compels him to humble another; who does not flatter wealth, cringe before power, or boast of his own possessions or achievements; who speaks with frankness but always with sincerity and sympathy; whose deed follows his word; who thinks of the rights and feelings of others rather than of his own, and who appears well in any company; a man with whom honor is sacred and virtue safe."

## DARK HORSE

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The thing that will hurt M.B.A. the most is the lack of experience in team match play. Neither McGugin or Johnson have ever played a match for M.B.A. Speaking otherwise the Maroons have depth and their scores prove this fact. In the last week of preparation before the match at Bellevue, Barksdale has averaged 34 which is one under par regulation while Foxall has averaged 35 which is even par, McGugin and Johnson have averaged 36 and 37 which is tops for third and fourth men. Barksdale last year finished 9th in the N.L.L., 5th in T.S.S.A.A., and 5th in T.S.J.C.A.A., while Foxall was 15th in the N.L.L. and 1st flight winner in the Shelby Schoolboy. McGugin last year while only in the 8th grade was 19th in T.S.S.A.A. and 3rd in N.D.G.A. The team opens up its schedule against Bellevue April 4th at McCabe Golf Course. The Big Red golfers are looking for their 4th N.L.L. championship in 6 years.

## Qualifying Scores: 36 Holes

John Barksdale	144
Buddy Foxall	150
D. V. Johnson	158
George McGugin	159
Fletcher Eyster	160
Russel Hooper	166
Tom Barksdale	167

ought to make a special effort to see this all important match with Du Pont which will decide who will be the N.L.L. golf champion of 1955.

## Golf Schedule

April 4—M.B.A. vs. Bellevue
April 11—M.B.A. vs. Hillsboro
April 18—M.B.A. vs. Du Pont
April 25—M.B.A. vs. West
May 2—M.B.A. vs. North
May 9—M.B.A. vs. Lipscomb
May 11—M.B.A. vs. East
May 16—M.B.A. vs. Cohn
May 23—M.B.A. vs. Ryan

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